

Patent claims

1. Arrangement comprising a cervical prosthesis (3)
5 and an insertion instrument (1) with a pair of
gripping members (2) which grip the prosthesis (3)
on opposite sides, characterized in that the
gripping members (2) and the prosthesis (3) have
complementary projections (18, 19) and recesses
10 (15, 17) which precisely define the relative
position of the prosthesis (3) at least in its A-P
direction and can be brought into engagement and
can be released from one another by relative
movement of the gripping members (2) in a
15 direction transverse to the longitudinal direction
of the insertion instrument (1) and transverse to
the A-P direction of the prosthesis (3), and in
that a holder (20) is provided which receives the
prosthesis (3) with an exact fit and has, on the
20 anterior face of the prosthesis (3), an opening
(26) with guide elements (37 to 41) for guiding
the insertion instrument (1) into a removal
position in which the complementary projections
(18, 19) and recesses (15, 17) lie opposite one
25 another ready to engage.
2. Arrangement according to Claim 1, characterized in
that releasable means (35) are provided for fixing
the prosthesis (3) in the exact fit position in
30 the holder.